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ACTIVATED RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

REF: NPIC 7803. DTG 190113Z, JUL 66

INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION 1966 REVEALS RAIL CONSTRUCTION ON THE VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE 5 AUG 1966 SOUTH OF ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS (REF) ON THE NORTH DISTRIBUTION RAILS ARE NOW OBSERVED ON THE BANK OF THE RAO NAY (RIVER). SOUTH BANK OF THE RAO NAY (RIVER) AT 1754N 10600E FROM UTM XEØ628Ø2 SOUTHEAST FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE OLD RAIL BED TIES WITHOUT RAILS ARE OBSERVED IN PLACE TO UTM XEØ67795. FROM THIS POINT TO UTM XEØ7Ø792. NO ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION IS NOTED ON THE RAIL BY-PASS AROUND THE DESTROYED THUONG PHONG AT 1754N 10600E (REF). A SEGMENT RAIL BRIDGE OF ROUTE 110 FROM 1753N 10601E TO 1749N 10607E, WHICH IS PARALLEL TO THE VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE IS BEING IMPROVED. THE ROUTE IN THIS AREA HAS BEEN A STATE OF DISUSE SINCE THE TRAFFIC HAS BEEN UTILIZING THE ABANDONED RAIL BED. Advance copy Sanitized IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTS THAT ROUTE 110 WILL RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL ALIGNMENT LEAVING THE OLD RAIL BED TO BE USED FOR THE RE-

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